



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on August 9, 2006, at the Sanford Regional Vocational Center, Sanford with the following members present: Chair James Carignan; Vice Chair Philip Dionne, Joyce McPhetres, Jean Gulliver, Ellie Multer, and Jack Norris. Excused: Ann Weisleder and Janet Tockman

Also present were: Commissioner Susan Gendron; Harry Osgood, Higher Education Specialist; Scott Brown, AIA School Facilities Services; and Rhonda Casey, Clerk.

CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Jean Gulliver, seconded by Joyce McPhetres, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the May 10 and June 14, 2006, minutes as written.

CONSENT AGENDA

MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; SITE APPROVAL CONSIDERATION; MSAD #46, NEW ELEMENTARY PRE K-8 SCHOOL PROJECT IN DEXTER, MAINE

MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; SITE APPROVAL CONSIDERATION; MSAD #54, NORRIDGEWOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT

COMPOSITION OF THE PROPOSED REVIEW TEAM TO ASSESS THE APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL DEGREE-GRANTING AUTHORIZATION AS SUBMITTED BY HUSSON COLLEGE TO AWARD THE JURIS DOCTOR (J.D.) DEGREE

MOVED by Jean Gulliver, seconded Joyce McPhetres, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the consent agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF THE REQUEST FROM THE BOSTON COLLEGE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK TO RENEW A PRIOR APPROVAL TO MAKE ACADEMIC CREDIT COURSE OFFERINGS AVAILABLE IN MAINE

20-A MRSA, Chapter 409 provides that the State Board of Education may approve an application from a higher education institution located outside the State of Maine to offer within the state courses or programs for academic credit.

The Boston College Graduate School of Social Work received initial approval in 1983 from the Maine State Board of Education to offer courses in Maine that were in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Social Work (MSW).

All application materials have been reviewed in accordance with Board rules governing renewals. The review team report and the Boston College application were distributed to the Board during the July 12, 2006, meeting.

Recommendation: That the State Board of Education accept the team report and grant approval of the request from Boston College to continue to offer in Maine the Master of Social Work program. The approval would be for a four-year period September 2006 through September 2010.

MOVED by Jean Gulliver, seconded by Joyce McPhetres, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the team report and grant approval of the request from Boston College to continue to offer in Maine the Master of Social Work program. The approval is for a four-year period from September 2006 through September 2010.

MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM; *SITE APPROVAL CONSIDERATION*; DURHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, DURHAM PRE K-8 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT

Statement of Fact: Superintendent Dr. Shannon Welsh requests that the State Board of Education approve the site in Durham that is the existing school site for a Pre K-8 elementary school.

The Town of Durham has recently acquired two parcels of land adjacent to the elementary school. The site now has a total of 29 acres. The site is located in the center of Durham and can be accessed from either Route 136 or Route 9. The speed limit and sight lines are appropriate for a school site. The site is also within Durham's designated growth area.

In recent years the soils, water tables, and other geotechnical aspects of the site have received extensive study. All reports reflect an excellent site for a school construction project. Both water and septic will be on-site systems. Three-phase power will need to be brought to the site.

Durham has completed a Site Application, a Regional Study, and a New vs. Renovation Analysis, all of which are on file at the Department of Education. Both State and local agencies have been involved and have no issues.

Project Information:

Project: Durham Elementary School
Superintendent: Shannon Welch, Ed.D.
Principal: William Pidden
Architect: Dan Cecil, AIA, Harriman Associates
Total number of acres: 29
Total number of acres eligible for State support: none
Purchase cost: \$-0-
Appraised value: \$-0-
Amount eligible for State support: \$-0-

Department Recommendation: The Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education approve the site as presented for construction of an elementary school to house grades Pre K-8 in Durham, Maine, under the provisions of Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

MOVE by Ellie Multer, seconded by Jean Gulliver, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the site as presented for construction of an elementary school to house grades Pre K-8 in Durham, Maine, under the provisions of Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Gendron reported on the following:

- That she continues to work with team leaders in an effort to finish realigning the Department of Education. She anticipates that during the Board's retreat in September that she will be able to share with the Board what the Department's realignment is going to look like. When she and the leaders have finalized the details, she will hold a meeting with Department staff to update them.
- That she forwarded to the members of the Board copies of a letter addressed to the Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education at the U.S. Department of Education. The letter requested that Maine's standards and assessment non-approved status be redesignated to Approval Pending based on Maine's good faith effort to meet No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) requirements.
- That the Department is in the process of submitting its budget needs and the deadline is September 1, 2006. There are some changes

- Another important date to keep in mind is the submission of major substantive rules. All major substantive rules are required by statute to be submitted to the Legislature no later than January 12 in order to be considered in that session.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Chair Carignan reported on the following:

- That he has been updating the 2005 Annual Report of the State Board of Education. A completed draft will be distributed to the members of the Board for comment and review as soon as he has finished updated the report.
- That he spent two days working with the Teacher of the Year (TOY) Program reviewing applications. In addition, he and Joyce spent a day reviewing TOY Portfolios.
- That he has been chairing the NASBE Civic Education & Engagement Task Force over the last several months. The Task Force is wrapping up its work and a report will be available for distribution soon. As chair of the Task Force, he has been asked to present the report to an audience during the National Association of State Boards of Education's (NASBE) Annual Conference in October.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Jack Norris:

- That he responded to a NASBE letter, which asked for donations for a silent auction for the NASBE annual conference. He made a donation for the State Board for a Maine lobster dinner.

Phil Dionne:

- That he attended the Model Schools Conference in Florida and found it to be excellent and informative.
- That he attended the Apprenticeship meeting a week ago.

ADJOURNMENT:

State Board of Education unanimously agreed to adjourn the August 9, 2006, meeting at 1:45 PM.